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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : D. Lukton
Group : 1653
Applicants : Guy W. Bemis et al.
Application No. : 09/886,773 Confirmation No. 6928
Filed : June 21, 2001
For : INHIBITORS OF INTERLEUKIN-1 β
CONVERTING ENZYME

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

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New York, New York
April 2, 2003

Hon. Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This responds to the January 6, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants are filing this reply within the three-month shortened statutory period - up to and including April 7, 2003 (April 6, 2003 being Sunday) and thus no fee is due.

Please amend the application as follows: